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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA RAISE WARNING LEVEL ON PDRY INTER-
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1. TASS ROUNDUP ARTICLE ON PDRY IN JULY 6 PRAVDA REPEATS
BASIC THEMES AND WARNINGS REPORTED IN REFTEL BUT ESCALATES
THE WARNING LEVEL BY SWITCHING FROM PDRY SOURCES TO
DIRECT TASS COMMENT. TASS ITSELF ALSO ACCUSES SAUDI

ARABIA OF PROVOKING YAR ATTACK ON PDRY IN ORDER TO
CREATE PRETEXT FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST PDRY.

2. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) IN RATHER BLUNT TERMS, TASS
ARTICLE WARNS THAT:

-- IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING HOW FATAL (PAGUBNYI) WOULD BE
THE CONSEQUENCES OF A MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST PDRY.
-- THAT, WHICH FORCES OF REACTION AND IMPERIALISM
WERE SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING IN SHABA PROVINCE,
SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED IN SOUTH OF ARABIAN PENINSULA.

-- "SOVEREIGN PDRY IS NOT ALONE. PROGRESSIVE FORCES
ARE NOT ABANDONING IT IN (ITS TIME OF) TROUBLE."

3. JULY 5 WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA GAZETA CARRIES A
FASCINATING ARTICLE CONSISTING OF A DETAILED BEHIND-
THE-SCENES RUNNING ACCOUNT OF POLITICAL-MILITARY
EVENTS IN PDRY LEADERSHIP CIRCLES SET IN MOTION
BY JUNE 24 ASSASSINATION OF YAR CHAIRMAN GASHMI.
AUTHOR, I. BELYAYEV, SPELLS OUT, FOR FIRST TIME IN
SOVIET PRESS, SALIM RUBAY'I ALI'S ALLEGED PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GASHMI ASSASSINATION; FORMER'S
TRANSMISSION OF A "SECRET MESSAGE" TO SAUDIS
AFTER OPONF PLENUM'S DECISION TO REMOVE HIM FROM
OFFICE; HIS ORDER TO ARTILLERY BATTERY TO OPEN FIRE
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ON BUILDING WHERE OPONF PLENUM WAS BEING HELD; AND,
IN PREPARATION FOR ESCAPE, HIS ORDER TO OPEN A
SECRET TUNNEL LEADING FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL
PALACE TO THE SURROUNDING HILLS. BELYAYEV ADDS
THAT AT SESSION OF REVOLUTIONARY
TRIBUNAL WHICH SENTENCED ALI AND HIS TWO ASSOCIATES
TO BE SHOT, ALI DID NOT REVEAL CONTENTS O SECRET
MESSAGE TO SAUDIS. BELYAYEV CONCLUDES SOMEWHAT
LAMELY WITH PARIS FIGARO CHARGE THAT THESE EVENTS
IN PDRY REPRESENT ATTEMPT BY SAUDI ARABIA TO
INTERFERE IN ARABIAN PENINSULA CONFLICTS. (END
UNCLASSIFIED)

4. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF TASS ARTICLE IS IN
UNMISTAKABLE WARNING IT PROVIDES OF FOREIGN
MILITARY ASSISTANCE (PRESUMABLY FROM
ETHIOPIA, CUBA AND OTHER BLOC STATES)
SHOULD INTER-YEMENI CONFLICT BE ENTERED BY OTHERS.

5. BELYAYEV ARTICLE IS INTERESTING SINCE IT IS
DIRECT SOVIET ADMISSION OF PDRY RESPONSIBILITY
(ALBEIT CONVENIENTLY LIMITED TO LATE PM) FOR GASHMI

ASSASSINATION. WHILE TANTALIZING GLIMPSES OF SAUDI
HAND ARE REVEALED, BELYAYEV STOPS SHORT OF ACTUALLY
ACCUSING SAUDIS OF PUTTING ALI UP TO HIS
ALLEGED DEED. LIT GAZ HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT
I. BELYAYEV IS IGOR' PETROVICH BELYAYEV. BELYAYEV,
A WELL-KNOWN WRITER ON M.E. AFFAIRS (INACTIVE OF
LATE) AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICA INSTITUTE,
HAS FOR AT LEAST PAST TWO YEARS SERVED ON PRESIDUM
OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL IN HELSINKI. WE DO NOT
YET KNOW IF HIS APPEARANCE IN LIT GAZ SIGNALS HIS
PERMANENT RETURN TO THE FIFTH ESTATE, BUT IN ANY
CASE HIS SELECTION AS THE AUTHOR OF THIS ARTICLE

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